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**Response pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 -- Expedited Procedure
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)

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Application No: 09/755,498)

Filed: January 05, 2001)

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM TO)
AGGREGATE MULTIPLE VLANs)
IN A METROPOLITAN AREA)
NETWORK)

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 19, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application.

Claims 1-24 are pending. The undersigned attorney had an interview with the Examiner on September 23, 2002. The invention as well as the prior art references were discussed, but no agreement was reached as to their interpretation.

Claims 1-20, and 22-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,181,699 B1 issued to Crinion, et al. (hereinafter Crinion) in view of Biedron,